after line 10, insert:

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-- Description of the Background--.

Page 3, line 6, delete

"Disclosure of the Invention" and insert therefor:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

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-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT---

IN THE CLAIMS

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--12. (Amended) A glutamic acid-synthesizing gene having a promoter according to [any one of Claims 4 to 8] Claim 4.--

--16. (Amended) A method of producing an amino acid or nucleic acid by [the steps of] culturing a coryneform bacterium constructed by the method of [any one of Claims 1 to 11] Claim 1, and having an improved amino acid - or nucleic acid - productivity[, or the coryneform bacterium of Claims 14 or 15] in a culture medium to form and thereby [to] accumulate the [intended] amino acid or nucleic acid in the culture medium, and collecting [it] the amino acid or nucleic acid from the culture medium.-

- -17. (Amended) A method of producing L-glutamic acid by fermentation, which comprises [the steps of] culturing a coryneform L-glutamic acid-producing bacterium resistant to 4-fluoroglutamic acid in a liquid culture medium to produce and thereby [to] accumulate L-glutamic acid in the culture medium, and collecting [it] the L-glutamic acid from the culture medium.-